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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified application. This Statement is submitted:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98,
applicants hereby make the following documents of record in
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2001/0049510	12/2001	Burr et al.
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (d), copies of these documents, which are also listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, were made of record in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/873,666, now U.S. Patent No. 6,709,380 from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120, are not submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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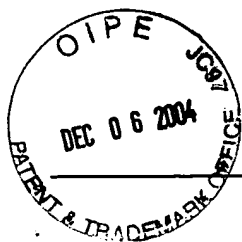
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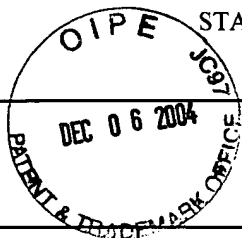
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